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Dear Parent/Carer

As the first half term draws to a close, I write to provide you with some updates.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is an absolute priority at Hall Park Academy. I have written before about the importance of attendance that is at least good, which we define as being at least 95%. The reason for this is because we know that the more students who are present in school, the better their achievement both in terms of academic outcomes and co-curricular experiences. There are a range of ways that we reward good attendance: students with 100% attendance may wear non-uniform on the first Friday back after the half term break, students with 98% or higher attendance for the full first term will be invited to take part in an attendance reward event on the penultimate day of term, and all students achieving 100% attendance for the year will be invited on the annual free Alton Towers trip. Your child's attendance can be viewed in Class Charts. If you are yet to use Class Charts, please contact the IT team for your login details at [itsupport@hallparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:itsupport@hallparkacademy.org.uk).

To support good attendance, I ask that you please send your child to school every day. NHS guidance states that it is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. If students are ill during the school day, they should tell a member of staff who will act accordingly. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like to discuss support that is available, please contact our attendance team on [HPAttendance@hallparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:HPAttendance@hallparkacademy.org.uk).

### **Co-curricular**

We are proud of the co-curricular offer at Hall Park Academy. There are over 40 clubs on offer that run at lunchtimes and after school. Participation in co-curricular activities counts towards completing Pledges. To see the exciting clubs on offer, please see our [Curriculum Plus booklet](#) on the school website.

Our co-curricular programme also features several trips and visits. The humanities faculty took a successful trip to Poland last week and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and commend the students for their excellent behaviour.

### **Communication policy**

Starting after half term, we will be introducing a communication policy. This will give some guidance about communication between families and school that will improve communication for both parties. We will be sending this out to all parents and carers. In the meantime, I would like to draw your attention to the [contact form](#) on the school website. Using the form will ensure your query is directed to the appropriate staff member.

## **Curriculum**

Recently some parents and carers have asked about the topics that are covered in school now and in the future. Information about our curriculum and curriculum overviews can be found in the [curriculum section](#) of the school website.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful half term break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Crossley', written in a cursive style.

David Crossley  
**Headteacher**